Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it not engaging the attention of the Government?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It is not in the Income-tax Regulation.

Mr. K M. Ibrahim.— Especially in view of the fact that the Government are in lakh of funds, is there any idea of instituting super tax?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—There is no idea of supertax now.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the other purpose apart from the Income-tax Regulation?

President.—I do not think that question arise from this question. This relates to Incom-tax.

Factories—Inspection by the Director of Public Health.

153. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** .—Will the Government be pleased to state (1) the number of factories inspected by the Director of Public Health after he was given that power;

(2) and the date of inspection of each of the factories?

Rama Varmha Tampuran. (*Secretary to the Diwan*).—

(1) 78.

(2) List of factories inspected with the dates of inspection is appended. (*Appendix II.*)

Compulsory vaccination—complaint against.

154. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** .Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Diwan received a petition dated 4th April 1934 from the same Kunjukutti Amma of Irinjalakkuda;

(b) if so, will a copy be placed on the table of the House;

(c) did the Diwan receive another petition from the same person dated 9—9—1109;

(d) if so, will the connected file be placed on the table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the petition is appended. (*Appendix III*).

(c) Yes.

(d) A copy of this petition also is appended.(*Appendix IV*).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar —Sir, on a point of order, I take objection to the manner in which these questions are split up. It is clear from this question Sir, from the words used 'same Kunjukutty Amma' that this question has reference to a previous question. This clearly shows that I wanted some

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questions also to be answered along with this. May I know Sir, whether is it a fact that the Director of Public Health very often resides very near the House of this Kunjukutty Amma?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have no information.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Have the Government enquired into the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was no occasion to inquire into that statement.

Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was this petition enquired into?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We asked the Civil Surgeon, to go and examine the children.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the special reason for asking the Civil Surgeon to enquire into the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because he is the senior-most medical officer in the northern districts.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is not the Director of Public Health competent to make the enquiry?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He is quite competent.

Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then may I know Sir, why a separate officer was deputed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was stated in the petition that the children were suffering from high fever, convulsions and other illness. Generally I think the Civil Surgeon is more conversant with the medical side of the profession.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Chief Medical Officer inspect the children?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Civil Surgeon?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the report?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He reported that there was nothing particular and that there is a history of convulsions with regard to these children that requires further investigation.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Whether there is any children in the State who is not vaccinated?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know Sir, what was the hurry?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was no hurrry at all.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was there not a request that their vaccination may be put off for a few days?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran—Yes. There was a request and that again was enquired into. After enquiry it was found that there was nothing wrong with the children preventing them from being vaccinated.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What stood in the way of the Government to postpone the vaccination of the children especially when there was a request that the children were having convulsions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That was why the Civil Surgeon was asked to look into the matter. With regard to the earlier part of the question, Government did not want to prevent the course of action contemplated in the Regulation.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Why could this prayer for vaccination being put off be granted?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It can be granted provided there is necessity for it. Regulation contemplates all sorts of exceptions. This did not fall under any of the exceptions. If it is arbitrarily waived in each and every case, then there is no use of having this Regulation at all.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know Sir, whether the request of the mother contained in the petition given here as Appendix IV "I therefore request that the Diwan may be pleased to order the book to be returned to me at once and kindly to see that I am not troubled by these officers any more." Whether this book which is mentioned here has been taken away by the Civil Surgeon? Did the Government look into it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. That book we are told belonged to Dr. Ittoop and the Civil Surgeon wanted it for some reference. I think it has been returned to the Doctor.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How is the Government able to understand that the book mentioned in the petition belongs to Dr. Ittoop and not to the party?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because it was the Doctor's diary.

Mr P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan—Was it taken from Dr. Ittoop or was it taken from the house of the party or from the Director of Public Health?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think this book was beside the patient. It was not given by Dr. Ittoop.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan—It was stated here that the two doctors who examined the children had recorded their opinions. What exactly is the opinion held by these two officers regarding the patients?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have not got detailed information on the point. The Civil Surgeon has reported that the children were getting convulsions.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Since these children were under the treatment of the Ayurvedic physician Mr. Moosad, what was the objection for the Government to consult that Ayurvedic physician?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was no necessity to consult the Ayurvedic physician because the Ayurvedic system does not deal with this prophylatic method of treatment. What is the use of consulting a person who knows a system which itself is not aware of this method of treatment? There should be some meaning in the Government acting in a particular way. I do not want to belittle that system or anything of that kind. There must be some relevancy in these matters.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know, Sir, whether this Ayurvedic physician is not the honorary physician of the Trichur Ayurvedic Hospital?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have the Government come to know that there is something called PATHYAM in the Ayurvedic system and on those occasions nothing other than what they have prescribed can be taken?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I am not so deeply conversant with that system.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know, Sir, whether the heavens would fall if this 15 days' time was given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No, heavens would not fall.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was it to maintain the prestige of the department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I explained that there was no reason why the provisions of the Regulation should be waived in this particular instance.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know, Sir, whether the Director of Public Health saw these children personally affected?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. In one of those petitions it is so stated.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, whether the Director of Public Health is not a medical man?

President.—These questions have already been asked and answered.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—So long as these children were under the treatment of an Ayurvedic physician what was the objection for consulting him?

President.—That has also been asked and answered.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We had these children examined by a doctor who knows vaccination and he certified that the children were physically fit for vaccination and so the Government did not further interfere.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were these children under the treatment of Dr. Ittoop before they were vaccinated?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is obvious from the answers and from the petitions.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the petition it is stated that he was of opinion that the vaccination of these children ought to have been postponed for six months and that he has spoken about this to the Chief Medical Officer also. May I know when the children were under the treatment of the local surgeon, why he was not consulted by the Civil Surgeon, Trichur?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We asked the Civil Surgeon because we thought him to be a much better man. I think he must have consulted with the local doctor also.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there any statistics to show the number of persons not vaccinated in Irinjalakkuda?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There may be, but I have not got it now.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Did the Civil Surgeon derive any assistance from the book alleged to be Dr. Ittoop's to submit this report to the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I presume he must have. We do not know what is the real opinion of the local surgeon except what it is stated in the petition that he was of such an opinion.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is there anything on record to show that the Civil Surgeon consulted with the local doctor?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is nothing on record. But I think the Civil Surgeon must have consulted the local doctor also. It is also the general practice of doctors to consult with a doctor immediately attending the patients.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is not generally the practice of the Government to make enquiries when they receive petitions containing serious allegations against its officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We enquired into every matter on which enquiry was necessary.

Mrs. Swaris.—Why did not the doctors give time to the mother until the children recovered?

President.—That has already been answered.

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